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Thursday, Dec. 6, 1900.

GREAT progress is being made by the forestry department in some states, in the matter of preserving and perpetuating the forests. Texas who own timber lands should also make some effort in that line. The forestry department will give aid and advice to those who seek it.

The total vote in Texas the past election showed a big decrease since election of '98. At the same time the state has been growing in population, which shows that our people took little interest in politics this year. They were probably too much occupied with business and getting the full crops in.

It is believed by some in London that Gen. Dewey, who has fought so valiantly for the Boers in South Africa is none other than the famous Irish leader, Charles Stuart Parnell, who was supposed to be dead and buried some years past. The story goes on to say that a dummy was buried in the grave consecrated to the illustrious Irish man. It is an unlikely tale, as a death so much talked of as Parnell's, and which was attended by such publicity, could not easily have been feigned. If true, however, there was a whole lot of eloquence and a great many tears wasted over a dummy when the funeral occurred.

## LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The anti vice crusade in New York reports wonderful progress in clearing the east side of gambling dens and other evil resorts.

Georgia Cayvan, the actress, is dangerously ill and cannot recover.

It was feared the Duke and Duchess of Manchester would be pelted with eggs on landing at New York, and detectives were there to protect them but no such attempt was made.

French and German agents at Peking have removed the valuable astronomical instruments that were erected on the walls of Peking by the Jesuit father, and sent them to Paris and Berlin.

Cornelius Vanderbilt has purchased the famous Astor residence "Beaumont," at New port.

Owing to Emperor William's refusal to receive him, Kruger will not visit Berlin, but will proceed to the Hague. English papers are elated at the snub by the kaiser to Kruger.

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## STORY ABOUT ANDREE

The Latest Is Supposed to Be Genuine News.

If the Accounts Be True the Northern Aeronauts Were Killed by Eskimos - Another Expedition.

Rear Admiral Campion, of the British navy, is the gentleman who received and gave publicity to the story that Andree's balloon party had been massacred by Eskimos in northern Canada. The story came to him from his nephew, Mr. Alston, who is in charge of the Hudson Bay company's post at Fort Churchill, on the west side of Hudson bay.

Alston wrote that a party of four white men far north were shooting deer in the summer of 1898, when some Eskimos who were approaching and did not see the deer thought the whites were shooting at them, and thereupon killed two of the whites with arrows. The other two fled, pursued by natives, and it is not known whether they escaped. Different parties of Eskimos brought practically the same story to Fort Churchill, and one of the Stockby brothers, who was hunting musk oxen, saw the bodies of the two white men, described their appearance, and told what they wore. The fact was accepted by the whites of that region as proof that the arctic aeronauts had met a tragic fate in northeast Canada. Alston wrote to Rear Admiral Campion: "You will no doubt be greatly surprised to learn of the loss of the Andree expedition up north." Campion accepted this supposition as correct and wrote to the London Times: "Mr. Alston has been there five years and talks Eskimo, and, from what he relates, all hope of the ballooners must be given up. I fear, although the other two may be alive."

The fact is, however, that there were only three men in the Andree party; none of them was middle aged, nor was there a knickerbocker suit in the outfit, as described by Mr. Stockby, who saw the dead bodies. The victims of this tragedy were probably hunters who had gone far north on their own responsibility.

Two messages and a relic of the Andree party are all that have been received since the aeronauts made their descent on July 11, 1897. The relic may prove to be much more significant than the messages. On September 12, 1897, a carrier pigeon lit on the whaling vessel Falken, and around its neck was tied a brief message from Andree, written two days after his ascent, reporting all well and giving his position as east and a little south of his starting point. On May 14 last year a drifting buoy was picked up on the north coast of Iceland, in which was another brief message from the explorer, written only seven hours and fifty-five minutes after his ascent. On September 11, last year, another of Andree's drifting buoys was picked up on the north side of King Charles island, northeast of Spitzbergen. It was the so-called north pole buoy, which the explorer was to drop when he passed the north pole. It was taken to Stockholm, where it was opened on October 1 in the presence of some members of the government and experts in arctic navigation. The tube was empty, much to the disappointment of the explorer's friends.

Prof. Nathorst declared that the buoy could not have been carried from the pole to King Charles island by the sea currents. Some persons expressed the opinion that the buoy had been thrown out empty from the ship, but there was no evidence of this. The important result of the expedition will be sent north in a search for traces of the explorer at King Charles island and the surrounding region. It is argued that the explorers would not throw an empty buoy overboard and that the chances are against its having been accidentally lost. No current would have been likely to lodge it on the north coast of King Charles island, and the fact that it was found there makes it not improbable that it parted from the balloon in that neighborhood and that other relics may be found in the same region and help to determine the fate of the expedition.

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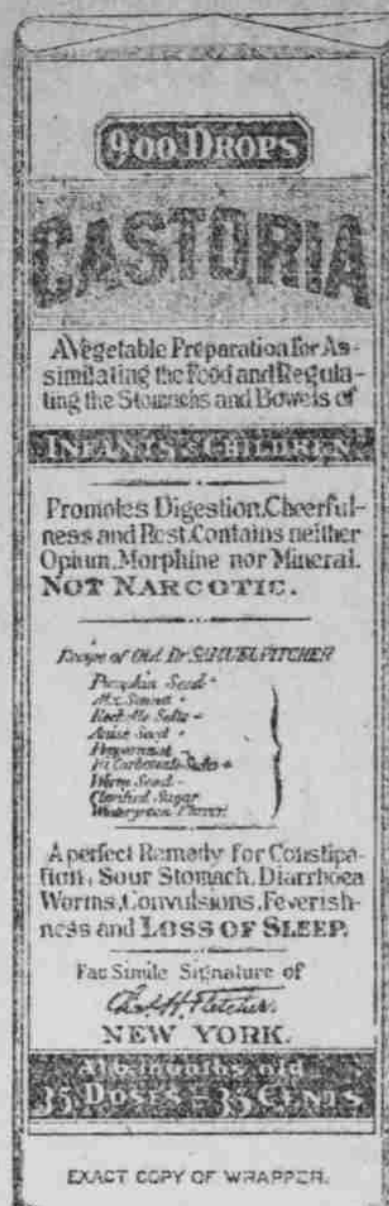
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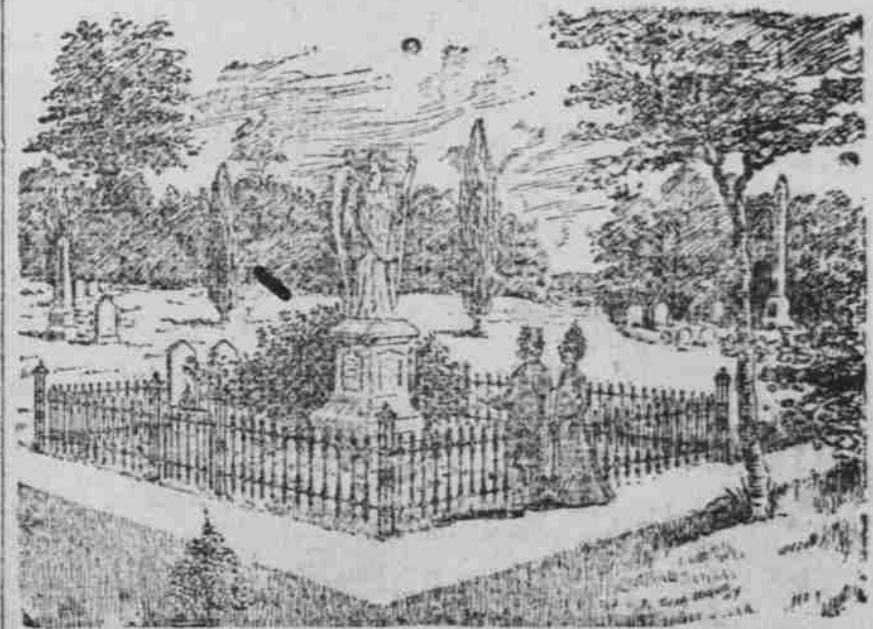
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